

REMARKS

In response to the non-final office action of September 3, 2008, applicants ask that all claims be allowed. Claims 1-16 are now pending, with claims 1 and 8 being independent. Claim 1 has been amended, and claims 3-16 are new. Support for the amendments can be found at least in paragraphs 17, 18, 21, 24, 26, 27, 31, and 33 of the specification. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for extension of the period for reply for two months. Reconsideration of the outstanding final rejection dated September 3, 2008 is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the previously submitted remarks.

The fees in the amount of \$1300 (\$810 for the Request for Continued Examination and \$490 for a two-month extension of time) are being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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